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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03302 entitled "*Methods of Treatment*", filed in the United Kingdom Receiving Office for the PCT on October 15, 1999, which claims priority to Patent Application No. 9822458.7, filed in the United Kingdom on October 15, 1998, Patent Application No. 9822459.5, filed in the United Kingdom on October 15, 1998, and Patent Application No. 9917181.1, filed in the United Kingdom on July 23, 1999.--

In the Claims

(amended) A method of treating weight loss due to underlying disease in a patient the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of an agent selected from the group consisting of an agent which reduces sympathetic nervous system activity and/or improves cardiovascular reflex status, a compound which inhibits the effect of aldosterone, a chymase inhibitor, a cathepsin inhibitor, a receptor blocker, an imidazoline receptor